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Re: Request dated October 9, 2001 for the Extension of Draft Phase I Remedial Investigation (RI) Report Submission for Creosote Dip Tank and Former Fire Fighting Training Area (Site 16), at the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) National Priorities List Site, Davisville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Boyle:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in agreement with the extension for the schedule submission of subject report due to the unexpected time needed to interpret the large volume of site related data in the NCBC site 16 database. The previous enforceable date for the submission of the Draft Phase I Remedial Investigation Report was September 25, 2001. The new enforceable date for the submission of the Draft Phase I Remedial Investigation Report is October 23, 2001. We understand that no other FFA dates will be impacted due to this change.

Sampling and analysis of groundwater, soils, and sediment at approximately 100 locations occurred this past spring. This data was entered into the NCBC database, then the database was interpreted to determine risk levels and extent of contamination this summer, and finally the interpretation was incorporated into a Phase I RI report.

In September the Navy had informally requested a two week extension for this report, which EPA verbally granted, however, the Navy was not able to meet the interim deadline of October 12, 2001 and on October 9, 2001 formally requested a new deadline of October 23, 2001. We expect the Navy to meet this new deadline.

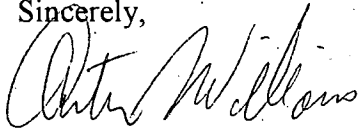
On October 1, 2001, the Navy requested an extension to the site 16 FFA schedule due to the fact that a Phase II RI will be needed at site 16. On October 4, EPA granted the extension. The recent changes to the site 16 enforceable deadlines are outlined in the table below:

	Draft Phase I RI	Draft Phase II RI	Draft Feasibility Study Report	Draft Proposed Plan	Draft Record of Decision and Responsiveness Summary
previous site 16 schedule	September 25, 2001	N/A	February 27, 2002	July 25, 2002	June 19, 2003
new site 16 schedule	October 23, 2001	October 11, 2002	April 4, 2003	September 5, 2003	April 2, 2004

EPA will incorporate the new schedule for site 16 draft primary document, Draft Phase I Remedial Investigation Report, into Section 14.1 (Deadlines and Schedules) of the NCBC Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), as amended, pursuant to Section 15 (Extensions) of the FFA. All other dates will remain the same.

We look forward to working with you to evaluate the current data set. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to call me at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,



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